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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:
 - a cabinet;
 - a support connected to the cabinet; and
 - a container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said container-item holder includes a container holder and an item holder connected to the container holder [, said item holder including means for enabling a player to removably connect an item to the item holder].

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